

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 328-357 have been added, and claims 260, 261, 272, 273, 288, 298, 309, 310, 320, and 322-327 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 328-357 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 328, 334, 340, 346, 352, and 355 are independent claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the new claims do not add new matter to the application. Support for the new claims can be found at least at page 35, line 22 to page 36, line 2; page 42, lines 6-20; page 49, lines 6-15; and page 51, line 27 to page 52, line 4.

In view of the above amendments and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending rejections for the reasons discussed below.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 260, 261, 272, 273, 288 and 298 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,946,634, issued to Korpela ("Korpela") in view of 3GPP TS 25.331, V3.0.0 (1999-10) ("Specification").

Applicants cancel claims 260, 261, 272, 273, 288 and 298 without prejudice or disclaimer of patentability by this reply. Thus, these rejections are hereby rendered moot.

Further, Korpela, either alone or in combination with the Specification, fails to disclose every feature of the new claims 328-357.

Claim 328 recites, *inter alia*:

a user equipment including an access stratum (AS) and a non-access stratum (NAS), the NAS including a mobility management (MM) protocol and a call control (CC) protocol,

wherein the user equipment receives the information representing the core network operating type from the radio network and operates the MM protocol and the CC protocols in a

mode indicated by the information representing the core network operating type.

Claim 334 recites, *inter alia*:

operating a mobility management (MM) protocol and a call control (CC) protocol in a non-access stratum (NAS) in a mode indicated by the information representing the core network operating type.

Claim 340 recites, *inter alia*:

a non-access stratum (NAS) including a mobility management (MM) protocol and a call control (CC) protocol,
wherein the MM protocol and the CC protocol operate in a mode indicated by information representing a core network operating type transmitted from a radio network.

Claim 346 recites, *inter alia*:

operating a mobility management (MM) protocol and a call control (CC) protocol in a non-access stratum (NAS) in a mode indicated by the information representing the core network operating type.

Claim 352 recites, *inter alia*:

transmitting to a user equipment a system information message comprising information representing a core network operating type and information representing a PLMN identity.

Claim 355 recites, *inter alia*:

a radio network for transmitting to a user equipment a system information message comprising information representing a core network operating type and information representing a PLMN identity.

Korpela fails to disclose or suggest at least these features.

Since none of the other prior art of record, whether taken alone or in any combination, discloses or suggests all the features of the claimed invention, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 328, 334, 340, 346, 352, and 355 and all the claims that depend therefrom are allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submit that all of the grounds for rejection have been rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

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